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Council to spend at least £45k on toilets

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LYME Regis Town Council is expected to spend upwards of £45,000 on refurbishment of public toilets on Marine Parade, with members being told they have "got to get it right".

In June councillors considered spending between £14,830 and £18,500 on remedial repairs at the seafront toilets - which were closed for several weeks last year due to problems - but they decided it would be more cost effective to pay for a comprehensive refurbishment.

Three companies were approached to provide ideas and costs for refurbishing the Marine Parade toilets and/or installing new toilets in the nearby Jubilee Pavilion, with prices ranging from £44,000 to £86,000.

The council had budgeted £45,000 for the project in the current 2017/18 financial year and a further £45,000 in 2019/20.

The quotes were received after the British Toilet Association inspected all of Lyme's public toilets and released a report, which summarised: "Whilst the majority of toilets visited were in reasonable working order, the overall perception felt was that these toilets were from an older era and were crying out for some form of modernisation; and for someone to address a number of inherent problems."

Some of these inherent problems included a lack of signage directing the public to toilets; anti-social behaviour in toilets, including alcohol and substance abuse, homelessness and vandalism; cleaning schedules; and the accessibility of toilets.

The report continued: "Many of these [facilities] are showing extreme signs of age, wear and a clear lack of sufficient maintenance from the current service provider.

"The installation of stainless steel was encouraged during the 90s and the 00s but in many councils these types of units have been deemed, not just unattractive, but actually en-

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■ **ORGANISERS have estimated that more than 600 brave swimmers welcomed in the new year by taking a dip at the annual Lyme Lunge, watched by a huge crowd of 2,500. The event was organised by the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis and raised funds for Shelterbox.**

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Call for an awareness day over the amount of plastic in the sea

WEYMOUTH man Patrick Howie has launched an online petition lobbying the Government to create a national awareness day on the amount of plastic in the sea.

Mr Howie, who regularly swims in the sea, said: "There's something umbilical about the sea: a sense of closeness, the sound, the colours, the beaches, bird and marine life, living nature.

"As I swim along I see fish, crabs and different shells, sometimes a lobster and sometimes giant jellyfish.

"Then I see lost footballs floating away which I sometimes manage to rescue. Then I see the debris: the cans and crisp packets, the glass and the plastic.

"Boy, so much plastic - bags, bottles, straws, buds, string, containers - so much, every day.

"The experts say that within a few years, unless we change, there will be more plastic in the sea than marine life! And it's getting into our food chain; tiny particles appearing in our sea food. From land to sea and back again, maybe we're the ones committing suicide?"

Mr Howie continued: "My idea is to get the Government to create a national awareness day specifically against plastic in the sea. There is no such dDay at the moment and it would be great if Britain were the first.

"We have great historical and cultural links to the sea – let's protect it.

"A Government created day (or weekend) on which all organisations can focus, increasing the sum of the parts. An annual reminder around which organisations collaborate, for example why not a cordon of sea protection festivals around the coastal counties and working harbours? Family, educational, fun, fish and sea orientated?"

Patrick's petition needs 100,000 signatures by April for it to be considered for debate in Parliament.

To sign up, visit https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/202198

Artists wanted for seaside improvement projects

COULD you stop people littering Dorset's beautiful coastline? Or maybe you've got creative ideas about how to regenerate seaside parts of Poole.

Artists are wanted for high-profile projects working on two of Dorset Coastal Connections' initiatives. The first opportunity involves finding ways to improve Shore Road Beach and Branksome Chine and pays an artist fee of £9,000. The second seeks ideas for how to change people's behaviour and stop them littering our lovely beaches. It pays an artist fee of £7,000, plus a materials budget of £2,000.

Both projects recognise the importance of the artists, who will have a creative input from the beginning. They will be working as part of a cross-disciplinary team.

The anti-litter project is being led by Litter Free Coast and Sea working with the Dorset Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Food and Drink programme. It focuses on Bournemouth, Weymouth, West Bay and Lyme Regis.

Litter Free Coast and Sea aims to reduce marine and beach litter, and improve bathing water quality along the Dorset coast. We have some of the cleanest beaches and best bathing water quality in the country. Litter Free Coast and Sea would like to help keep it that way and make our beaches even better. Can you help?

Both these projects are part of the wider Dorset Coastal Connections portfolio of 18 projects funded by the Coastal Community Fund and coordinated by the Dorset Coast Forum, who are working collaboratively with The Arts Development Company and the individual project teams.

Deadline for the Poole regeneration project is January8th. Litter Free Dorset deadline is January 19th. See The Arts Development Company's website for more details: www.theartsdevelopmentcompany.org.uk

■ **DON'T FEED THE GULLS: Fish and chips is part of the fun of the seaside, but the litter it creates needs to be disposed carefully**

Weldmar Snowdrop Services

WELDMAR Hospicecare is holding nine Snowdrop Services throughout the county in February.

The charity's Snowdrop Gardens and Walks were established to provide a lasting memorial to those who were dear to the bereaved.

The services are held in late winter when snowdrops first appear, reminding people that the hope and warmth of spring are not far away.

The nine Snowdrop Services of Remembrance in 2018 are :

Bridport St Mary's Church on Thursday 1st February at 11am
Sherborne, Sherborne Abbey on Friday 2nd February at 11am
Gillingham, The Cemetery Gardens on Saturday 3rd February at 11am
Stalbridge, The Pound Gardens on Sunday 4th February 3pm
Beaminster, St Mary's Church on Tuesday 6th February at 11am
Lyme Regis, St Michael the Archangel on Wednesday 7th February at 2.30pm
Sturminster Newton ,The Railway Gardens on Monday 12th February at 11.30am
Shaftesbury, Bell Street United Church on Monday 12th February at 3pm
Blandford, St Peter's & St Paul's Church on Tuesday 13th February at 2.30pm

All are welcome to attend these services.

If you wish, snowdrops may be planted in memory of your loved one, and their name included in the Snowdrop Memorial book which is kept in each location. Weldmar ask for a donation of £10 to cover costs; this donation would be acknowledged by a commemorative card.

For more information call Weldmar's Bereavement Services on 01305 215300.

28 charged during Christmas driving campaign

A FURTHER nine people have been charged with drink or drug driving offences as part of Dorset Police's Christmas drink and drug driving campaign.

They are due to appear at court in Poole and Weymouth this month

The campaign ran from Friday, December 1st through to Monday, January 1st. A total of 28 people have been charged with offences during the campaign.

Throughout the month-long operation, officers requested breath tests from all drivers involved in road traffic collisions, irrespective of whether or not they suspected a drink driving offence.

Drivers could expect to be tested during routine stop checks and if they were stopped for an offence. Drugwipe sample kits were used on drivers suspected of being unfit to drive through drugs.

No referral for CCG review

Health scrutiny committee votes not to send proposed health service changes to secretary of state

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MEMBERS of the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee have voted not to refer the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) Clinical Services Review (CSR) to the health secretary for independent review.

The recommendation to refer the proposals was brought to the committee by Councillor Ros Kayes with councillors expressing concerns over travel times, lack of clear financial planning, incomplete assessment of the impact of the changes on vulnerable people, an overall bed reduction in Dorset to 178 beds and the downgrade of Poole hospital A&E.

Councillors of the committee unanimously agreed with the original motion that was brought forward by Councillor Kayes and was referred to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – which represents Poole, Bournemouth, Hampshire and Dorset – but they voted against it.

The Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee could still legally refer the matter to the health secretary, but voted not to at its meeting last week.

Residents came out to voice their support for the referral and concerns were raised on ambulance response and travel times, as well as rural transport and residents being able to access the hospitals when services are integrated and moved across the county.

Councillors also received a presentation from members of Dorset CCG on where they were with the proposals, which were given the support of the South Western Ambulance Service.

Adrian South, deputy clinical director at South Western Ambulance Service, said: "The ambulance service perspective is we accept there will be an impact on our service. We are very confident with the modelling and verified it against actual patient time.

"We are working very closely with the CCG to make sure whatever is needed of the ambulance service is appropriately commissioned to ensure that we can retain the response standards for the residents of Dorset."

Members heard from a number of local GPs that also gave their support to the proposals, as well as Patricia Miller, chief executive of Dorset County Hospital.

However, Councillor Ros Kayes argued that transport to the services for residents in rural areas was not adequate and the CCG should go some way to helping change that.

She said: "At every joint health scrutiny committee, the rural transport issue has been raised, the fact that this is inaccessible to local communities has been raised.

"When a body like the CCG refuses to listen to you, what alternative do you have but to hold their feet to the fire and I am convinced that this is the only way that these issues will be properly addressed.

"They said (at the joint meeting the week before week) that it is Dorset County Council's responsibility to deal with transport subsidies and they weren't going to help in any way.

"Yet the rural proofing policy from DEFRA says that bodies changing public services should consider actively financially supporting community transport schemes.

"I don't know what other way we have to get the CCG to listen to the changes we need."

Before a vote took place, Bill Pipe, chairman of the committee, said: "To vote to continue with the referral when it does not meet the criteria for referral to the secretary of state would be the wrong thing to do and clinicians support the changes proposed.

"We have five years to implement any change, to vote for a referral will gain you a few brownie points with your electorate, only to see the referral dismissed by the secretary of state.

"We need to trust the CCG and let them get on with what they need to do."

Out of the eight councillors present at the meeting, three voted to refer the CSR to the health secretary and five voted against.

However, the committee agreed to hold some detailed scrutiny work around the capacity and performance of the South Western Ambulance Service and transport arrangements related to the changes.

Following the decision, Councillor Ros Kayes said: "It is very sad that the undoubted pressure brought to bear on the committee by the CCG over the last few weeks has paid off.

"It still remains the case that the issue of access to services for people in West and North Dorset and the issue of transport have been fudged and if proposals go ahead as they stand, it will cause real hardship.

"I am pleased to have secured a scrutiny of the transport arrangements as well as of ambulance travel times, but these will be meaningless unless the CCG puts funding into improving these areas.

"Seventy-five thousand people in Dorset signed petitions about the CSR and their concerns have now been ignored by the committee.

"The result on Kingfisher and paediatrics is brilliant, but must be taken with caution; the proposals have been delayed because of circumstances in Somerset and are being reviewed in the future.

"I am absolutely sure that the fight will have to go on."

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Public toilets: councillors told they have 'got to get it right'

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couraging to malevolent attack and a feeling of poor quality. There are alternative materials that were developed for use in prisons and hospitals that look more like stoneware – but posses the strength of steel and therefore stand up to the harshness of attacks.

"With some consideration and a reasonable budget, some substantial changes could be made to increase the realm of provision and also to update and beautify the current infrastructure so that Lyme Regis appears to care about its visitors, tourists and residents and puts on a welcoming atmosphere for everyone needing relief & entering the toilets."

Referring specifically to the Marine Parade toilets, the report said the facilities were "pushed to almost breaking point" during busy periods, adding: "These facilities are not in keeping with the overall perceptive beauty of the town and surrounding areas."

However, it was toilets at the Candles on the Cobb pavilion in Anning Road playing field that were described as the "greatest cause for concern" as they had suffered an increasing level of anti-social behaviour, including malicious damage and evidence of arson.

Councillors considered the report at a meeting just before Christmas.

Councillor Derek Hallett expressed concern about the cost of maintaining public toilets, if the town council were to take on responsibility for more facilities from West Dorset District Council in the future.

"Some members here are keen on taking on another eight or nine toilet blocks and that means, if we're going to do them up proper, we'd have to spend another three quarters of a million, on top of this," he commented.

Councillor Steve Miller said the report offered a "very clear way forward" and proposed approving the funding for the refurbishment of the toilets in the budget for the coming financial year.

He added that the council should also consider improvements to the Candles on the Cobb pavilion, where toilets were in a "very, very poor condition".

Town clerk John Wright commented: "We have really got to know what we want to produce and then seek competitive tenders against that sum of money, which may exceed what we have here."

He said that work could start at the Marine Parade toilets in April, with temporary toilet provision provided, so the improved facilities could be open in time for summer.

"There's been so much criticism of the public toilets we have got to get it right," he added.

Councillor Brian Larcombe added: "It's indisputable that we do have to have these toilets fixed, we do need to spend this sort of money and perhaps a bit more."

However, Councillor Stan Williams said that refurbishing the toilets would not last if they facilities were not looked after properly.

"You're a bit deluded in believing that if you spend a lot of money on toilets they're going to be perfect. Within three hours on a busy afternoon, if you don't have staff to keep them clean… they're not self cleaning toilets.

"The devil is in the detail, easy to clean is one of the secrets. But the only thing that's really going to keep them in good condition is having the right staff."

Members approved funding for the refurbishment of the toilets in the budget.

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Record time for duck race

A FAST-running River Lim saw the annual New Year's Day duck race finish in a record time. Huge crowds lined the river to cheer on their ducks. The race was started by the Deputy Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Steve Miller, and his wife Heather, accompanied by town crier Alan Vian and local youngsters Joshua and Jacob Denning. Members of the lifeboat crew ushered the ducks along the course. The event raised £688 for Lyme Regis Christmas lights.

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Carols get community into festive spirit

■ A HUGE crowd lines Broad Street for the event with carols accompanied by Lyme Regis Town Band (below)

ONE of the biggest ever crowds enjoyed the traditional Carols Around the Tree event in Lyme Regis just before Christmas.

Residents and visitors lined Broad Street on around the town's Christmas tree on Saturday, December 23rd for the annual carol service, organised by the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis.

Town crier Alan Vian acted as MC for the evening, and favourite carols were accompanied by Lyme Regis Town Band.

Among those attending was the Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Michaela Ellis, and her husband Alan, and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Steve Miller, and his wife Heather.

Rotarians served mince pies and soup, supplied by the Royal Lion Hotel.

A spokesperson for the Rotary Club said: "What a turnout! Various estimates of numbers ranged from 500 to 1,000 but who cares who's right? It was a great night, the community getting together in such a friendly and traditional way to celebrate the coming of Christmas."

President of the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis, Les Baker, has extended his heartfelt thanks to the town band and all who helped with the event and attended.

The club's Christmas collection, which included money taken at the carol service, raised £1,200 which will be donated to this year's chosen charity, The HorseCourse, which helps young people with mental health issues.

The club would also like to thank the Fudge Kitchen and Bell Cliff cafe in Broad Street and Morgans in Charmouth for offering regular hot drinks to collectors.

■ THOSE joining in the carols included the Mayor of Lyme Regis, Councillor Michaela Ellis, and her husband Alan (left), and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Steve Miller (far right), and his wife Heather

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Lyme leads the way with Community Land Trust

AFFORDABLE housing pioneers in West Dorset threw open their doors for a celebration of ground-breaking Community Land Trust projects.

More than 50 people attended the event, which included visits to trailblazing developments in Lyme Regis, Symene and Marshwood.

West Dorset is leading the way nationally with 10 active Community Land Trusts (CLTs), which is among the highest number in any council district in the country.

CLTs are being progressed by communities with the support of councils to provide much-needed low-cost housing for local people.

The council's new Opening Doors campaign – launched with North Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council – is encouraging more communities to start CLTs and take advantage of £2million of funding to support projects across their areas.

Delegates at the event – including councillors, community groups and CLT members – heard presentations at Bridport Leisure Centre before touring the local sites.

Paul Derrien, housing enabling team leader for North Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, said: "CLTs are a valuable way of helping to meet significant local housing need.

"We have an impressive number already but we want to see more projects coming forward.

"The networking day went extremely well with the opportunity for people to share knowledge, compare experiences and exchange ideas."

There have been 62 affordable homes developed by CLTs in West Dorset, including 15 off Timber Hill in Lyme Regis, which are nearing completion. The Symene and Marshwood developments are already fully occupied.

The Lyme Regis development, to be known as Garmans Field, is being developed in partnership with Yarlington Housing Group and CG Fry & Son, and the houses are now ready for allocation.

Councillor Tim Yarker, housing briefholder for West Dorset District Council, said: "There are other communities who could benefit from this kind of development. We want to get the word out that it can be done, it's not impossible."

The CLT event, the first of its kind, also included a presentation by Steve Watson of the Wessex CLT Project, which has helped many communities develop their schemes.

He said: "West Dorset is possibly further ahead than most districts in the country and the council's support has been a big factor. It is really positive and demonstrates just what can be done."

There are currently CLTs in Symene, Toller Porcorum, Marshwood, Buckland Newton, with others active in Powerstock, Bridport, Dorchester, Bishop's Caundle, Broadwindsor, Lyme Regis and Upper Frome Valley. Talks are ongoing for others in Weymouth and Portland and opportunities are being explored in North Dorset.

Opening Doors aims to encourage greater construction of a mix of quality homes of all tenures with a target of 20,000 properties by 2033.

For more information visit www.openingdoorsdorset.co.uk

■ MORE than 50 people attended a Community Land Trust networking day in West Dorset, including a visit to the Garmans Field site off Timber Hill in Lyme Regis

■ LYME Regis lifeboat crew didn't have to wait long for their first shout of 2018, as they were called out on New Year's Day following reported that up to three people had been cut off by the tide on the beach between Lyme Regis and Charmouth. The crew were called out at 4.20pm and were quickly on the scene east of the harbour. It was soon established that one man was involved and was able to leave the beach, making his own way to safety. He was then met by coastguards ashore and the lifeboat crew were stood down.

View of the week:

MEMORIES, by Sue Kennedy

The photo left was taken from Langmoor Gardens in Lyme Regis at night on January 4th 2017 by Sue Kennedy, the day after her husband died - hence the title 'Memories' - and she requested that it be published as 'View of the Week' this week in his memory.

If you have a photo you'd like to share of a view or event in Lyme Regis, email it to francesca@viewnews.co.uk with a short caption and your name

View from the churches

SO, unfortunately it's happened again. A vehicle has knocked the overhanging upper window of the listed Guildhall building, and pieces from the structure have been torn off.

Of course, the present-day vehicles are large, and the bends there are tight and narrow – all of which leads to a very difficult scenario for the drivers.

It is certain that the driver of the lorry in question would not have wished for this, or done it intentionally – it was a very difficult manoeuvre. He (or she) had to trust to their own judgement, and unfortunately it let them down, and the fact that they got it wrong is there to see.

At the beginning of 2018 I have been thinking about what the year ahead may have in store. Will there be any large problems facing me; will I have to navigate any 'tight bends' thrown up by difficulties that may occur in life; will I make it without any unfortunate 'knocks'?

I personally do not make New Year resolutions, and sometimes my judgement in solving issues may not be too good, but I do greatly value the verses in the Bible which say: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs Chapter 3 verses 5 & 6).

There is an invitation to see the film 'God's Not Dead 2" at 7pm on Saturday, January 13th in Bethany Chapel. There is no admission charge and free refreshments will be provided afterwards. All are welcome.

Peter Culver
Bethany Chapel

Common sense with money 3

THIS week we're talking about 'N' – National Lottery, No.

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That's our top tip: don't do the Lottery.

How often are you asked to spend money when you really don't want to?

It might be a friend asking you to go for coffee or a beer, or a child asking for sweets or a toy.

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That's our second tip: say No.

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Bee enthusiast to give talk for U3A and Turn Lyme Green

On Friday 12th January, the Heritage Coast University of the Third Age (U3A) and Turn Lyme Green join forces to welcome North Dorset naturalist Brigit Strawbridge, who will introduce the fascinating and often hidden world of bees.

A wildlife gardener and bee enthusiast who writes, speaks and campaigns to raise awareness of the importance of our native wild bees, Brigit will give an illustrated talk explaining the differences between honeybees, bumblebees and solitary bees, describing their lifecycles, behaviour and the roles different species play in pollinating different flowering plants.

She will also speak about the problems they all face, the reasons for their decline, and what we can do to help sustain these vital pollinators.

Brigit is currently working closely with Shaftesbury Town Council and residents to create a truly 'Bee Friendly Town'. Their pollinator garden appeared recently on BBC2's 'Gardeners' World'.

A social gathering with wine, juice and nibbles at no charge to members will follow the talk to bring further cheer to January.

The talk is at 11am at the Woodmead Halls, with coffee or tea available from 10am. Entrance is free to U3A and TLG members and £2 for non-members.

Art sale

START the New Year by treating yourself to an affordable piece of art created by Dorset and Devon artists who regularly exhibit in the galleries at the Town Mill in Lyme Regis.

You'll be able to choose from a wide variety of subject matter and media, 2D and 3D, on display in this annual show.

The New Year's Art Sale runs in both the Courtyard and Malthouse galleries from January 3rd to 23rd and is open daily from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

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Huge crowds look on as swimmers take

■ AN estimated 600 swimmers dashed into the sea on New Year's Day

RESIDENTS and visitors of Lyme Regis welcomed in the new year with a bracing dip in the sea.

The annual Lyme Lunge - which has quickly become a 'must' New Year's Day event on the south coast - saw an estimated 600 brave swimmers, most in fancy dress, dash down the sand and into the sea, cheered on by a huge crowd of 2,500.

Many took advantage of the sunny weather, staying in the water longer than usual to play in the waves.

The event was organised by the Rotary Club of Lyme Regis and raised funds for Cornish disaster relief charity Shelterbox.

Swimmers paraded in their costumes before dashing into the sea on the sound of town crier Alan Vian's bell.

Members of Lyme Regis lifeboat crew and St John Ambulance ensured participant's safety, assisted by Lyme Regis Sailing Club, and hot soup was on offer from the Harbour Inn to warm everyone up afterwards.

A spokesperson for the Rotary Club said: "Well done everyone involved, it was such a happy family event in brilliant sunshine, just the tonic for bringing in the New Year. It's great fun, it supports the whole community and it helps a great cause."

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New Year's plunge!

■ MANY dressed in costume for the event, including this political Donald Trump-theme entry

■ LYME Regis teenager Joshua Denning celebrated his 14th birthday with a dip in the sea

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Hospital pilots pioneering operating technique

Surgeon Mr Anjay Talwar at Dorset County Hospital

DORSET County Hospital has been chosen as one of five pilot training sites for an enhanced operating technique for patients with rectal cancer.

Transanal Total Mesorectal Excision (TaTME) is a different approach to an existing operation, using a keyhole technique to operate on patients with rectal cancer, reducing the length of the surgery and potentially improving cancer survival rates for patients.

The technique has been used by pioneering surgeons since 2010. Under a new training programme organised by the Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland (ACPGBI) these surgeons are now training others in the technique.

The ACPGBI, the body who govern colorectal surgery, is keen that the introduction of this procedure should be carefully planned and that surgeons should be well trained to ensure the best possible results for patients. The ACPGBI asked for applications from hospitals that wanted to be pilot training sites. Of the 29 hospitals expressing and interest, five were successful, including Dorset County Hospital.

The application comprised submission of evidence on the surgical experience of the team and managerial support for the programme, and two unedited videos of laparoscopic (keyhole) low anterior resection operations, performed by Mr Anjay Talwar and Mr Paul Ng, Consultant Laparoscopic General and Colorectal Surgeons at the hospital. These videos were scrutinised by a panel of TaTME experts, who then graded the quality of the surgery.

Mr Talwar said: "We are very proud that the ACPGBI have recognised the excellent work we are already performing at the hospital in relation to rectal cancer operations, and we are excited to be bringing this pioneering procedure to our patients.

"The team has already attended a two day 'skills lab' training session, and under the pilot training programme we will have clinical mentorship throughout the initial cases and will submit data on our clinical results to the ACPGBI."

The hospital has thanked the Friends of Dorset County Hospital who have recognised the importance of this programme and donated over £27,000 to fund two pieces of equipment that experts regard as essential to this form of surgery.

Consultation over whether to raise the police precept on council tax

FOLLOWING an announcement from the Policing Minister on the level of funding that will be made available to policing in 2018/19, PCC Martyn Underhill said: "I am disappointed that the Government did not provide any additional finances for Dorset in next year's police grant settlement. Like forces nationally, I have worked closely with Dorset Police to deliver substantial efficiency savings of £37.3m since 2010/11.

"As we look ahead, Dorset Police expects to have to make further substantial savings, while the genuine rise in crime being seen nationally shows no signs of abating. We have already had to make a number of incredibly tough decisions and this settlement does us all a disservice

"Like other PCCs, I therefore have no choice but to ask whether residents are prepared to plug the hole left by the core funding settlement in order to protect frontline policing. While I welcome the ability to provide more funding for an overstretched police service, I am taking this matter to public consultation with a heavy heart."

Throughout this year's consultation, the Commissioner will be asking whether residents are prepared to pay an additional £1 per month to support policing in Dorset. Visit www.dorsetpoliceprecept.com to have your say.

Fill out children's services survey for chance to win £50 voucher

PARENTS and carers have until January 14th to complete a survey about support for families and enter a draw to win a £50 voucher.

Dorset County Council has a duty to make sure there are plenty of services available to help families during the early years of childhood, even though many of these are provided in partnership or by other organisations.

This includes information, advice and support around health, money and parenting, as well as local childcare, fun activities and children's centres.

The county council is reviewing how it provides support for people with children aged 0-5 and wants to find out what's important to families and where they go for help.

Cllr Steve Butler, Cabinet member for safeguarding at Dorset County Council, said: "It's well known that the first few years of a child's life are incredibly important. We also know that while it's a fun and exciting time, it can also be difficult for some families. We want to understand more about where people go for support and what's important to them, so we can continue to make sure the right help is available."

Parents and carers who complete the questionnaire can choose to be entered into a draw to win a £50 high street voucher. Cllr Butler added: "We would like as many parents and carers as possible to complete the survey, to help us plan how we support families in the future."

Professionals, organisations and local groups working with children can also give their feedback.

The survey can be completed at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/0-5survey or via a computer at a local library or children's centre.

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NEW YEAR New You

What's your New Year's resolution?

Beaminster Chiropractic

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Drink Water Instead

• Caffeine is a psychoactive drug: it's also in tea, cola and even some 'healthy' foods

• A bottle of wine has over 650 Calories

• More than 50% of the population drink too much alcohol or caffeine

TOP TIP: Replace two drinks of tea, coffee, cola or booze with two glasses of water.

Buy ingredients not meals

• Processed foods often have high levels of sugars, sweeteners and fat

• Seasonal vegetables have higher levels of vitamins and taste better

• Fresh, local products have a lower carbon footprint and more nutrition

TOP TIP: Cook meals in bulk – freeze the extra and microwave them for convenience food that's healthy.

Walk to Wherever

• 100 years ago, we walked over 10 miles a day, doctors say we should still walk 5

• Walking is good for your heart, lungs, digestions and bones

• Walking is much better for the environment than cars

TOP TIP: Drive less, walk more and take a stroll twice a week.

Lose Weight

• Two-thirds of UK adults are overweight; half of these are obese

• If you're overweight, you are at risk of dozens of health complications

• If you burn more Calories than you eat you WILL lose weight

TOP TIP: Aim to lose 3kg a month until your BMI is down to 23 kg/m2

Sleep Soundly

• Adults need between seven and eight hours sleep EVERY night

• Lack of sleep makes you at risk of everything from the common cold to heart attacks

• 20% of car accidents are attributed to lack of sleep

TOP TIP: Switch off electronic devices 40 minutes before a regular bedtime and do something relaxing instead.

Find out more at #5stepping via www.yeovilchiropractic.co.uk

Anyone with underlying health problems should seek the advice of a healthcare professional before undertaking the lifestyle changes suggested.

Bridport Leisure Centre

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU at Bridport Leisure Centre!

WILL YOU be joining the 21% of Brits making New Year vows this January? Of all the resolutions made, over half will be health and fitness related- and for good reason. You can add quality years to your life by making proper nutrition and exercise a lifestyle rather than something done sporadically. However, sticking to those resolutions can be no easy task. We have some tips for helping you succeed and reach your goals, however big or small, for 2018.

One of the most common reasons for failure is down to lack of motivation. It is essential then to choose an exercise that you enjoy. We have a huge variety of fitness classes and courses to choose from, including some exciting new ones for 2018. There really is something to suit all abilities and tastes.

Another way to remain motivated throughout the year is to hire a Personal Trainer. They can provide the extra push needed to keep you on track, and won't accept any excuses! We offer one-to-one PT sessions or, new for 2018, Small Group Training classes are the perfect happy medium between personal training and a fitness class – with extra emphasis on specific training goals.

Most importantly- keep in mind that results will come over time, not overnight, so try not to feel disheartened if you don't see a difference straight away. Be flexible and open to change- don't be afraid to try something new and mix up your workouts to keep that motivation running all the way into 2018 and beyond!

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NEW YEAR New You
What's your New Year's resolution?

Richard Cawte Hypnotherapy

Why Losing Weight with Hypnosis Works...

AS WE welcome the New Year, many of us are looking to shed some of those extra pounds that may have crept on over the festive season. Others might be looking to lose more significant amounts over the year to come. If dieting hasn't done it for you in the past and the idea of heading to the gym feels a bit daunting...why not consider something altogether different this year?

Hypnotherapy is a brilliant way to not only lose weight but make sure those unwanted pounds stay off! And the good news is that Clinical Hypnotherapist Richard Cawte is offering a £15 discount for all new clients during January only.

When you work with Richard, the emphasis is not on losing weight at all. There's no strict dieting regime. Instead, you learn how to discover the causes behind your eating habits so that you can choose new ones – and that includes still having treats!

To find out more about how clinical hypnosis can help you to lose and then manage your weight, call Richard on 07894 541796 for a FREE initial consultation. Or come to one of his introductory evenings at the Axminster Wellbeing Centre.

Richard also treats clients for insomnia, stress, anxiety, pain, tinnitus, self-confidence and stop-smoking. Call him for an informal chat about any of these conditions.

Evening Class: How to Lose Weight using Hypnosis

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EASE your way into the New Year with some gentle Hatha Yoga or meditation. Yoga is accessible to people of all ages and improves flexibility and mobility and posture. The breathing exercises bring calm and help maintain mental well being. Everyone enjoys the opportunity to relax!

The are also more opportunities for mediation available and if early morning is a convenient time of day for you then you may be interested in our 7am class on a Wednesday morning at Dorchester Yoga and Therapy Centre. This is a contemplative and peaceful way to start the day with 45 minutes of meditative silence with like minded people. Perhaps you can fit this in on your way to work or before a busy day starts. You are very welcome to join us.

In 2018 I will also be offering weekend retreats and Yoga Days in the stunning setting of Hilfield Friary. See the website for details.

Susan Gale Hypnotherapy

Change your mind and change your life

STUCK in a rut? Old habits stronger than you are? Wish you really could start the New Year as a New You?

But does it seem impossible to make lasting changes for yourself? Once something's taken root in the subconscious part of your mind, it really can be impossible for you to get to it to change it and so problems keep repeating, time after time, year after year.

Which is why old habits keep coming back. And why you can still find yourself trapped in negative thought patterns, no matter how you try to stop it.

Whatever is holding you back, Susan Gale can work with you, using co-operative Hypnotherapy to help you break out of the rut and change old negatives to new positives.

She takes a very practical, down to earth approach. And her long experience means she can tailor the therapy to your particular needs so you can clear the problems as quickly and easily as possible.

Don't "learn to live with it" – learn to live without it. Make the most of yourself. Make the most of your life.

Susan has been working as a hypnotherapist since 1989 and has helped many people clear many different problems. Her experience can help you break free. She is now seeing clients at the Aquae Sulis Centre on Damers Road. Take a look at her website www.beltain.co.uk or phone her on 07486 393047 to see how she could help you.

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NEW YEAR New You

What's your New Year's resolution?

Dave Cumber Vets

Fat 2 Fit - Keeping Fit with your Dog in 2018

HOW MANY of us start the new year with a fresh gym membership, new exercise bike or personal training sessions? These can help keep us fit, but sometimes we lack motivation and this is where your beloved pet could help. Exercising with dogs is one of the best ways of improving your health and well-being as well as that of your dog.

It's not just we humans that are getting fatter, statistics show that up to 60% of dogs and cats in the UK are clinically obese. It's not rocket science; we all know this stuff – too much food & too little exercise. And we all know the possible consequences for people & pets: Diabetes Mellitus, orthopaedic disease, heart disease, respiratory distress, high blood pressure and cancers. Let's face it; it's not much fun when every move you make leaves you breathless and exhausted. Your pet relies on you to make the best decisions for their health and well-being so why not get fitter together.

Here are 10 top tips to help you and your furry friend get the New Year off to a happier, healthier start

1. Get advice: many vets have free weight clinics. These are often run by nurses who will help set an appropriate goal weight for your pet and give you advice & support on how to achieve it

2. Be aware: risk factors for obesity include: age, certain breeds, being female, neutering and having an overweight owner – this is an actual fact.

3. Portion size: this applies to pets as much as people. There is a natural tendency for portion size to creep upwards, so weigh your pet's food and mark your scoop so that you give the correct amount at every meal

4. Tit-bits and treats: snacks between meals make your pet fat – don't do it, it's not fair to them. If you give treats as a reward, keep them small and limit the number per day.

5. Walking: surveys have shown that 1 in 4 people admit to NEVER taking their dog for a walk. Start gently and build up to 30-60 minutes a day. Its great exercise for you and your pooch and it's a great de-stresser

6. Play: You are your dog's best friend and playmate – so play! Run around, get your pet to chase you, play hide and seek or play catch with a ball. Dogs get bored just as people do, so liven things up a bit.

7. Play dates: many dogs love playing with other dogs and will run around playing chase for ages. Its great exercise and great for socialisation – dogs are pack animals, most enjoy canine company. Look for a local park where others walk their dogs and you and your pet can make some new friends

8. Exercise for the brain & body: many dogs enjoy a mental as well as physical challenge. Why not have a go at agility classes or Flyball. They are a fantastic way to keep your best friend entertained, socialised and fit – and you get to socialise as well. They cater for all abilities so why not give it a go?

9. CaniX: (pronounced canicross!) is getting out with your best friend and doing what they love best – running. You run attached to your dog by a harness and most dogs take to it very quickly because dogs love to run, and it taps into their natural instincts. Take a look at www.canix.co.uk to find out more

10. Annual check up: you don't have to do this by yourself. Your local vet will be delightedly to help and keep helping. When your pet is the correct weight it will be happier and healthier which is every vet's ultimate goal

You may feel your pet loves you when you give them food, but they will love you even more if you give them quality time, attention and the health to be able to get out there and enjoy life. You benefit, they benefit it's a WIN WIN – happy New year!

Full details can be found at the website www.davecumbervets.co.uk or on Facebook at facebook.com/davecumbervets

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Sharon Lorimer

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The Garden Studios

New for the New Year at The Garden Studios Bridport

FOLLOWING a busy time over Christmas and New Year with seasonal coughs and colds in abundance it is now time to boost your immune system and get your body on track for the coming of spring.

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Search for pensioner missing from Blandford home is stood down

A SEARCH for a pensioner who vanished from Blandford has been stood down.

Following two days of intensive search activity - involving hundreds of emergency service personnel, partner agencies and specialist volunteers - police have taken the difficult decision to stand-down active searches for 70-year-old Andrew Latcham.

Mr Latcham was last seen on CCTV leaving supported accommodation on Park Road, Blandford Forum at around 3:30am in the early hours of Saturday, December 30th. He was wearing dark trainers with white soles, tracksuit bottoms and a dark raincoat.

Since then, searches have focused around the River Stour and other waterways that Mr Latcham was familiar with as a kayaker, the Blandford Trailway and other footpaths, floodplains and open spaces in and around Blandford, and the routes and villages between Blandford and Hamworthy.

Inspector Darren Stanton explained: "For a complex search like this, we use specialist search advisors and make use of a wide array of resources; including the National Police Air Service helicopter, water-based search teams, off-road search vehicles and specially-trained teams on foot.

I am grateful for all the specialist volunteers who assisted the search and recognise the desire of the local community to help in any way.

"We have covered a lot of ground with this intensive search over the last two days. Unfortunately, we have now come to a point where we have exhausted this search option. With the significant rainfall and passage of time, it is sadly very unlikely we would find Andrew safe and well by continuing this approach.

We therefore have to take advice from specialists and consider the continued risk to others of searching in dangerous conditions. While some local and intelligence-led searches will continue, local people will not see the same level of visible activity.

"We will of course respond to any new information that comes to light and I would ask people to check their private outbuildings and gardens if they have not done so already. If anyone has seen someone matching Andrew's description since Saturday morning or knows anything else that could help, please let us know.

However, I would like to assure you that extensive searches have been carried out, including areas mentioned by the public on social media.

"We have updated Andrew's family about this decision and they are very grateful for

the efforts made by all the emergency services, partner agencies and volunteers so far. We will continue to support them during this upsetting time."

If anyone has new information, please call Dorset Police on 101 quoting incident 30:121.

Can anybody help the fishing net lady?

A WOMAN known as the fishing net lady in Moreton is making an appeal for help. Charlie Coward and her family live by the Ford there.

She leaves fishing nets in a box outside her home for children to use free of charge and also runs a doggy kiosk.

Charlie and her family now need to leave their house as its being sold.

But she has not been able to find anywhere else to go and time is now running out.

Charlie told Wessex FM: "We are looking for a three bedroom house and we've tried everything. It just keeps falling through at the last minute. So if we don't find anywhere to live in the next few days we are going to end up in emergency council accommodation which is fine, but its going to be a caravan in Swanage which is not what my kids need when they go to school in Puddletown."

"Due to us giving out for the last 4½ years to help people in Moreton, free of charge, we'd like somebody to come forward who owns a house or some land, I'm not proud. We would live in a barn if it was close to Puddletown."

Affordable housing pioneers showcase their work

Visiting the Community Land Trust developments

AFFORDABLE housing pioneers in Bridport, Lyme Regis and West Dorset threw open their doors for a celebration of ground breaking Community Land Trust projects.

More than 50 people attended the event which included visits to trailblazing Symene, Lyme Regis and Marshwood developments.

West Dorset is leading the way nationally with 10 active Community Land Trusts (CLT), which is among the highest number in any council district in the country.

CLTs are being progressed by communities with the support of councils to provide much-needed low-cost housing for local people.

The council's new Opening Doors campaign - launched with North Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council - is encouraging more communities to start CLTs and take advantage of £2m of funding to support projects across their areas.

Delegates at the event - including councillors, community groups and CLT members - heard presentations at Bridport Leisure Centre before touring sites.

Paul Derrien, housing enabling team leader for North Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, said: "CLTs are a valuable way of helping to meet significant local housing need.

"We have an impressive number already but we want to see more projects coming forward.

"The networking day went extremely well with the opportunity for people to share knowledge, compare experiences and exchange ideas."

There have been 62 affordable homes developed by CLTs in West Dorset, including Lyme Regis which is not yet finished.

Symene and Marshwood are already fully occupied and 15 more homes will be available when the Timberhill development at Lyme Regis is completed.

Ten-home Symene CLT was formed for the people of Symondsbury on the edge of Bridport.

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Lyme Regis Comedy Club moves to the Marine!

LYME Regis Comedy Club starts the new year on Saturday 20th January in it's new home of The Marine Theatre, after moving from the Pilot Boat Inn. Local comedian Tom Glover continues to compère the monthly comedy club and welcomes headliner Angela Barnes along with comedians Jake Lambert and Matt Rees, giving the evening a whopping 4 comedian line-up!

If you haven't seen Angela barnes before, then you're in for a real treat. Sarah Millican calls her 'brilliantly funny' whilst the Evening Standard reviewer hails her as "the best mainstream female comedian I've seen… I can't be any clearer than that can I?"

Angela Barnes has been catapulted onto every television and radio show worth speaking about, including Stand Up For The Week, BBC 2's Mock The Week, BBC Three's Russell Howard's Good News and Radio 4's The News Quiz. Angela packs her set full of brilliantly crafted jokes bringing non stop laughs from start to finish.

Angela brings excellent support from Twitter sensation and Chortle favourite Jake Lambert (@littlelostlad). Jake now has a live set to rival his online output with witty stories filled with clever one liners, and snappy asides. Jake is ascending the comedy ladder, with recent tour support slots for both Seann Walsh and Rob Beckett.

Multi-award winning Welsh comedian Matt Rees has a unique brand of well-crafted gags and laconic delivery that have established him as a circuit favourite since bursting onto the UK scene in 2011.

The rising star has won a whole host of awards including Leicester Mercury Comedian of the Year, Welsh Unsigned Stand-Up Award, and the Chortle Best Newcomer award in 2012. Matt has supported Welsh comedy superstar Elis James on tour and also performed as part of the prestigious Pleasance Reserve at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Tickets are available online at www.marinetheatre.com or Bridport & Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre. Doors open at 7:30pm. Tickets £8 in advance / £10 on the door (if available). Booking fees may apply.

■ Compère Tom Glover

■ Headliner Angela Barnes

From the Beautiful to the Burlesque

Allington Strings New Year Concert – A Celebration of Baroque Music

ALLINGTON Strings New Year Concert will take place at the Sir John Colfox Academy at 3pm on Sunday, January 14th. Tickets £10 available from Bridport Music, Bridport Book Shop and on the door. Drinks and nibbles included. Children under 18 free.

The beautiful Bach Double Violin Concerto will be performed by soloists, Wendy Stahl local violin teacher and violinist in the highly acclaimed group Extreme Baroque and star pupil Zack Chantler.

Burlesque de Quixotte lightens the mood as Telemann interprets Cervantes crazy stories of the exploits of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza.

Concerti Grossi by Handel and Corelli provide some more traditional baroque fare before Biber's Battalia tells the story of a battle with 'dissolute, revelling musketeers' with simulated musket fire provided by the stringed instruments!

Somewhere in amongst all this the Queen of Sheba arrives.

A tale of Arabian Nights at Story Café

BRIDPORT-BASED storyteller Martin Maudsley returns to the Bridport Arts Story Café on a flying carpet of stories from North Africa and the Middle East.

Enthused by trips to Morocco and Turkey and inspired by the rich folklore and storytelling traditions of Arab and Persian culture, Martin weaves together a colourful tapestry of tales from '1001 Nights' and beyond…

An intoxicating evening of stories from long ago and far away that speak strongly to the here and now, infused with the playful wisdom, earthy humour and vibrant imagery of Eastern imaginations.

Martin Maudsley brings 'Arabian Nights' to Bridport Arts Centre's Story Café on Friday, January 26th at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 adults, £5 concessions, available by calling 01308 424 204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

■ Martin Maudsley

Phill Jupitus to perform at Bridport Arts Centre

JOIN stand-up comedian, poet, improviser, and TV stalwart Phill Jupitus for over an hour of tales, laughs and diversions, at Bridport Arts Centre.

Watch in delight and/or horror as this experienced funny man drags laughs out of the chaos of his own life and the uncertain world that surrounds it.

Phill Jupitus brings his one-man show to Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, March 9th at 8pm.

Tickets are £15 available by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

■ Phill Jupitus

Live Gigs

Saturday 6 January
Crown Inn, Bridport
K2 9.30pm. Free

Sunday 7 January
Crown Inn, Bridport
Jamming at the Crown 4pm. Free

Thursday 11 January
Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
This is the Kit
8pm. £16.

Friday 12 January
Arts Centre, Bridport
The Zoots: Sound of the Sixties
7.30pm. £16

Saturday 13 January
Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis
Jazz Jurassic: Leigh Coleman and Matt Carter Trio
Doors 6.30pm, supper 7-8pm, music 8pm.
£22 including 2 course supper

Crown Inn, Bridport
Jackdaw
9.30pm. Free

Friday 19 January
Corn Exchange, Dorchester
Surfin' Birds: Fuelled by Cider
8pm. £11/£9

Saturday 20 January
Crown Inn, Bridport
Silver Bullet
9.30pm. Free

TOP 10

Top Ten Artist Sales of Preloved Vinyl for week ending Saturday, December 30 compiled by Clocktower Music Bridport

1. Depeche Mode
2. Bessie Smith
3. Marvin Gaye
4. Bruce Springsteen
5. Devo
6. Suede
7. Loop
8. New Order
9. Lonnie Donegan
10. Francoise Hardy

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VIEW2 TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

Ma Bessie and her Blues Troupe

■ Ma Bessie's Blues Troupe

NATIONALLY acclaimed musicians celebrate the great blues singer Bessie Smith in a narrated music show at the Marine Theatre on Friday, January 26th, and Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, January 27th.

Bessie Smith (1894 – 1937) was an American blues singer. Known as the Empress of the Blues, she was the most popular female blues singer of the 1920s and 1930s and is often regarded as one of the greatest singers of her era and was a major influence on other jazz singer. In this show, Bessie Smith (played by Julia Titus) and her band, perform alongside narration. It features authentic music from the era, including many of Bessie's songs.

This evening of music and story promises to be an absolute treat for all music lovers with Bessie's Blues troupe made up from internationally acclaimed drummer, Sam Kelly with Paul Jobson on keyboards, Tony Qunta on guitar, Richard Sadler on upright bass, with a special horn section.

The production chronicles her life from a one-room shack in Blue Goose Hollow, through to becoming the highest-paid black entertainer of that time, to the tragic accident on Route 61 in September 1937 which resulted in her untimely death aged 43 years.

A gem of an evening and not one to be missed - for further information and tickets please see www.marinetheatre.com, www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or Tourist Information Centres. Doors open at 7:30pm at both venues.

Tickets are £6 in advance and £8 on the door (if available) for the Lyme Regis show. Tickets are £15 and £13 for members for the Dorchester show. Booking fees may apply.

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Emily Maguire brings new tour to Dorchester

SINGER, songwriter, composer, poet and multi-instrumentalist, Emily Maguire is truly "a talent to be reckoned with" *(RnR Magazine)*, her heartfelt, thought-provoking lyrics, emotive voice and spellbinding live performances winning her fans across the globe. With a remarkable story of recovery to tell, Emily has been interviewed many times on Radio 2 and Radio 4 including 'Midweek' with Libby Purves.

Classically trained as a child on piano, cello, flute and recorder, Emily taught herself guitar aged 21 when she found herself stuck at home with fibromyalgia pain syndrome. "I started writing songs and the illness suddenly became a complete blessing in disguise as I had all this time on my hands to write", she says.

Back on her feet again and fed up with grey skies and concrete, Emily gave up her flat in London for a shack made out of recycled wood, tin and potato sacks on a goat farm in the Australian bush. Together with Aussie bass player and producer Christian Dunham, she financed her first two albums by making and selling goats cheese. "Living in the shack was one of the happiest times of my life. And despite being a terrible cook, I was actually a very good cheesemaker", she says.

Emily and Christian returned from Australia in 2007 to tour with American legend Don McLean, playing all the major UK concert halls including the Royal Albert Hall. Her third album 'Believer', released in 2009, received regular airplay on Radio 2 and won rave reviews in the music press, Maverick Magazine hailing it "a masterpiece". Greenpeace used her song 'Woke Up' for their climate change campaign.

Emily hid her struggles with bipolar disorder until she published her first book 'Start Over Again'. Launched on Radio 2 on World Mental Health Day in 2010, it generated a huge response from listeners moved by Emily's openness and willingness to share her experiences of psychosis and depression.

In 2014 an intensive tour of Germany triggered chronic tennis elbow in Emily's arms, leaving her unable to play her instruments for 18 months. Devastated, she suffered a deep depression that lasted a year.

In 2017, recovered again, Emily released her hauntingly beautiful fifth album 'A Bit Of Blue' (produced by Nigel Butler) to critical acclaim in the music press. She published a collection of poetry, prose and song lyrics called 'Notes From The North Pole', and sang live on Radio 2, talking to Clare Balding about her music, mental health and Buddhist faith.

Together with Christian, Emily has been touring again and entrancing audiences wherever she goes. "I am just so happy to be out there again, performing", she says. "Music to me is all about uplifting, comforting and inspiring the people listening. That's all I want to do".

Emily has done many gigs in mental health hospitals and is a patron of the UK mental health charity Restore. She was invited to perform at the World Congress of Psychiatry in Berlin in 2017 and will be touring Germany as well as the UK in 2018. Just back from recording in Australia for her sixth album, she says, "I can't wait to be touring again. I'm looking forward to playing some of the new songs that will be on my next album". Ticket links and more information can be found at www.emilymaguire.com.

Emily Maguire plays live at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday, February 9th.

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This Is The Kit live in Lyme

BBC 6Music favourites to play intimate Marine Theatre show

THE Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis is kicking off 2018 in style with their hotly anticipated date with This Is The Kit on Thursday, January 11th, as part of the band's international tour in support of their latest album.

The playful indie folk band, led by Paris-based songwriter Kate Stables, has earned the adoration of peers including Guy Garvey, The National and Sharon van Etten. In the last year This is the Kit have performed live in session on BBC 6music and at festivals including Glastonbury.

Their new album is on Rough Trade records, home to The Strokes and Jarvis Cocker; *'Moonshine Freeze'* is undoubtedly their best to date, and is produced by PJ Harvey's producer John Parish.

Sonically, *Moonshine Freeze* is a beguiling mixture of great musical sophistication and something more guileless — children's games, incantations and snatches of nursery rhymes.

Support comes from Exeter's Tobias Ben Jacob, playing his own blend of alt-folk ~ his first show of the year. The 21st Century troubadour spinning tales of love, loss, beauty, and a unique form of soul cartography.

Tickets are selling like hot cakes, so please book in advance from www.marinetheatre.com or Bridport & Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre. Doors open at 7:30pm. Tickets £16.50 in advance and £18 on the door (if available). Booking fees may apply.

Advertiser's announcement

First Class Dance School

FIRST CLASS DANCE School was officially launched in September 2017 teaching at various venues in Bridport, Dorchester and Weymouth. The school offers professional dance instruction for Children and Adults in Ballroom and Latin dances. These include the Waltz, Quickstep, Foxtrot, Tango, Rumba, Cha Cha Cha, Jive and Samba as seen on BBC's TV series Strictly Come Dancing.

Since the launch in September the response has been outstanding, with the school receiving a huge amount of interest with new students joining each week, as beginner's and dancers are taking up the opportunity to learn to dance, or to develop their existing dance skills.

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The future is inevitably with young dancers entering the world of Ballroom & Latin dance, of which there is a huge surge of interest nationally, but lacking in West Dorset. To fulfil this need and to provide the opportunity for our children, the school is offering Children's Ballroom & Latin Dance classes in January 2018 - see the website www.ballroomlatindance for details, timetable, fees and bookings for enrolment.

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VIEW2

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DORCHESTER: West Dorset Health Service retirement Fellowship meeting at 2pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, DT1 2rZ when Lucy Hooper will give a talk on The Dogs' Trust.

SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH

BRIDPORT: Celebrate Twelfth night with music by Tinker's Cuss Band and other local entertainment, at Bridport Town Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £7 (members £6), to include seasonal food and drink. There will also be a ra le, with proceeds to Bridport Millennium Green. To book your ticket call 01308 425037 or 01308 423078.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs opens its 2018 series of dances with a band new to Bridport, "oxford nags", teamed with caller Gill Spence. expect a great evening of dance music as with any band containing Gareth Kiddier of english Contra Dance Band. 7.30 - 11.00pm in Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street; Bring & Share (finger food) supper and your own tipple. no partner is needed and all are welcome regardless of experience - all dances will be talked and walked through and called throughout. entry £9 on the door, £8 if bought in advance from The Music Shop or online. Alternatively phone Monty on 01308 423 442 or email - see www.bridport-ceilidhs.wordpress.com for more information.

BRIDPORT: Swimming lessons for groups of up to 6 to 1 teacher. 10am – 4/5 year olds; 10.30 – 5/6 years; 11.30 – Beginners/Improvers; 12 noon – 3/4 years, at Highlands End Holiday Park, Eype. For more information please call Penny Yarnold 07970 879047.

SUNDAY JANUARY 7TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Sequence Dance Club restarts at the Woodmead Halls at7.45 for 8pm. Join us to enjoy your favourites and maybe learn a new dance too! Call Andrea on 01297 561083 or email andrea1918@btinternet.com for more details.

MONDAY JANUARY 8TH

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BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club re-opens after the festive break at 7.30 - 9.30pm in the WI Hall, north Street, for its weekly dose of dancing in a variety of genre as selected by the club caller - whether the more elegant playford through to more recent dance compositions and American styles. no partner is needed and all are welcome regardless of experience - all dances will be talked and walked through and called throughout. entry £3 for members (membership £3 per year) or £4 for visitors. Also on 15th and 22nd, plus 29th with live music and guest caller. Call Monty on 01308 423 442 for more information.

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 281882.

CHARMOUTH: Ballroom and Latin plus Sequence Dance classes restart at The Village Hall, Wesley Close. Classes: Bachata at 1pm; Intermediate Slow Foxtrot at 2pm; Intermediate Quickstep at 3pm and Popular Sequence at 4pm. Call Glenn on 07505 798258 or Andrea 01297 561083 for more information.

TUESDAY JANUARY 9TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport History Society, United Church Hall, East St. Bridport. Sheila Meaney will be talking about 'People - Passchendaele - Peace' the end of WW1 and what the Bridport Heritage Forum plan for 2018. Members £1 and visitors £3, all welcome. For more information contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email: jferentzi@aol.com

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10TH

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 281882.

BRIDPORT: Bridport Camera Club - talk by Andrew Mills - "What Makes a Good Photograph? - a tour through photographic genres - historic and contemporary." 7.30pm. At Chancery House, DT6 3JT. The club is always happy to welcome new members. For details call 01308 281561.

DORCHESTER: Evergreens Cinema showing Disney classic 'Cinderella' at Age UK Dorchester. Lights will dim at 1.45pm. Tea and biscuits served for just £1.50, ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY JANUARY 11TH

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DORCHESTER: Thursday Group will be meeting for a meal at the Walnut Grove in Durngate Street. For more details please contact Vernon Moffet (01305 259755)

FRIDAY JANUARY 12TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Village Hall. 10am. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 281882.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 281882.

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast & Turn Lyme Green. 'Bee Aware'. Illustrated talk by Brigit Strawbridge. The fascinating and often hidden world of bees, the problems they all face, and what we can do to help them. A social gathering with wine, juice and nibbles (no charge to members) will follow the talk to bring further cheer to January. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10am, talk at 11am. Free for U3A & TLG members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.

SATURDAY JANUARY 13TH

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SUNDAY JANUARY 14TH

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■ The Zoots

Award-winner Christine Tobin to perform *PELT*

IN DECEMBER 2012 Christine Tobin won a BASCA British Composers Award for her spellbinding settings of poems by WB Yeats, 'Sailing to Byzantium'. The award included a PRSF commission to write new music. Tobin's latest album *'PELT'* is the result of this commission. *PELT* is Christine's settings of poems and lyrics by contemporary Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Paul Muldoon.

Although a continuation of Tobin's alchemy with fine words and music and her exploration of the chemistry between the two, *PELT* marks a new direction and a new musical soundscape. *PELT* is both daring and dreamlike, passionate and playful. In a four-star review the Irish Times wrote, "Pelt strikes that most elusive of balances between familiarity and strangeness, by turns recalling Tom Waits, Kate Bush and Joni Mitchell, without being beholden to any particular genre or influence... music that veers from grungy, post-industrial grooves to wispy romanticism to abstracted contemporary classical, all played with punkish attitude."

■ Christine Tobin

Tobin leads her virtuosic musicians across a kaleidoscopic panorama, sometimes as junkyard blues philosopher, or snappy beat seductress, sometimes as a conduit for exquisite zen-like harmonies, or reflective Americana. The result is a rich and engaging collection with Tobin's trademark originality. The seed of the idea for setting Paul Muldoon's poems came when the pair were invited to collaborate and perform a piece at the Kilkenny Arts Festival back in 2011. Christine had long admired Muldoon's work and he was greatly impressed by her settings of WB Yeats. The texts chosen for the PELT collection are a mix of his poems and lyrics.

Christine Tobin performs *PELT* at Bridport Arts Centre on Thursday, January 25th at 7.30pm.

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Sultry songstress Charlie Bicknell heads to Bridport Arts Centre in January

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Internationally she has performed at venues in Australia, Hong Kong, Copenhagen and Dubai; but nowhere as cosmopolitan as the heady heights of Bridport, England! Expect a smoking selection of jazz favourites.

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Property View

The key to finding your perfect home

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HOUSING MARKET IN 2018

By Ella Walker, Press Association

What will the 2018 housing market bring for buyers and sellers?

The housing market has been sending out some mixed messages recently - on the one hand there's talk of consumers being reluctant to make big decisions amid wider economic uncertainty and a squeeze on their living costs, but on the other hand, house prices have continued to climb in many areas, with reports of a lack of properties to choose from in popular locations.

So what's in store for 2018? Here's a look at what the market could bring for house prices, mortgages and first-time buyers.

What will happen to house prices in 2018?

In general, predictions have ranged from house prices being flat across the UK to edging up by a few percentage points by this time next year. Economists believe the squeeze on incomes from inflation will limit what buyers are willing to pay.

Robert Gardner, chief economist at Nationwide Building Society, says: *"How the housing market performs in 2018 will be determined in large part by developments in the wider economy. Brexit developments will remain important, but hard to foresee."*

Does that mean house price growth is expected to be subdued across the whole of the UK?

This year has seen been big differences between areas of the UK in how the housing market has performed. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Rics) has said pricing in Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and north-west England has been resilient compared with some other places.

While London has seen a cooldown, some other major cities, where housing affordability is less stretched, have been putting in a relatively strong performance.

Richard Donnell, insight director at property analysts Hometrack, says: "The likes of Manchester, Birmingham and Glasgow have seen market activity increase and this has delivered above-average price growth of 6-8% for the last 12 months."

Will buyers have more opportunities to bag a bargain?

When it comes to sealing a deal, more house sales are now going through at less than the original price sellers had wanted, according to estate agents. For some buyers, they may find there's more room for negotiation, depending on what the local housing market is like at the time.

But the supply of properties on the market is still tight in many places, so sellers in these areas may feel more confident in holding firm on price.

Across the UK, 85% of properties sold for less than the asking price in November, according to NAEA (National Association of Estate Agents) Propertymark - the highest proportion since its records started in 2013. One in eight (12%) properties sold for the asking price and 3% sold above the asking price.

What about mortgage deals?

Despite the Bank of England hiking the base rate from 0.25% to 0.5% in November, in general, the mortgage rates on offer are still "extremely low", says David Hollingworth from broker London & Country Mortgages.

He says some rates on the fixed-rate mortgage deals on offer had started to edge up even before the base rate increase, with rates creeping up further across the mortgage market generally after November.

Home owners sitting on their lender's standard variable rate (SVR), which happens after a particular mortgage deal comes to an end, may want to consider whether they can get a better deal, he says, adding that many lenders announced rate increases to their SVRs in line with the base rate hike.

Hollingworth says some mortgage borrowers will be receiving their annual statements in January, which can help them to take stock of whether they should make switching mortgage their New Year's resolution or whether they are already on a good deal.

How about first-time buyers?

Hollingworth says there are still plenty of mortgage options available for people with lower deposits.

Those who have slightly less than a 10% deposit may find quite a "substantial advantage" in being able to access a better mortgage rate if they can scrape together more cash to push themselves into the 10% deposit bracket, he says.

In some good news for first-time buyers, Hometrack predicts this sector will make up the largest group of buyers in 2018.

Donnell says: *"We expect first time buyers to be the largest group of buyers in 2018 accounting for over one in every three sales (35%) and overtaking existing home owners (34%) as new purchases by investors fall in the wake of tax changes."*

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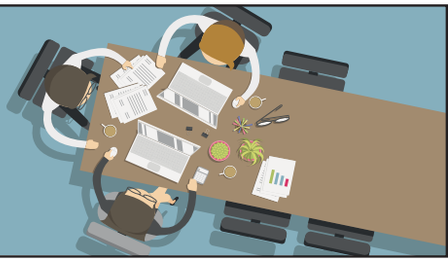

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Skittles

BRIDPORT
Cup fixtures.
Mixed Pairs (R2)
Tues, January 9th
Bradpole Club - E & M Hooper; M & N Powell; E & N Tuck; M Hansford & M Horton; H & A Paulley; J & B Cook; S Gale & N Broad; J Symes & N Paulley.

Wed, January 10th
Bridport FC - C Huxter & M Huxter; K & L Groves; S & T Luter; N Gurd & M Howells; C Hopkins & C Lambert; M Gudge & S Newman; S & H Yeatman; J Brooks & G Brooks

Mens Individuals
(R2 – eight winners)
Mon, 15th January
Bradpole Club - R Pincombe; S Pitcher; H Tompkins; F Pomeroy; A Paulley; N Briant; A Cauldwell; N Pye; B Chapple; L Dare; M Horton; M Powell; C Willcox; E Tuck; C Taylor; D Cowburn.

Ladies Individuals
(R1 – no byes)
Tues, January 16th
Lord Nelson - G Legg; S Newman; E Hooper; H Doble; M Paulley; J Cake; J Brooks; C Huxter; C Lambert; K Tuck; S Luter; J Symes.

Ted Davis

THE league was saddened to learn of the death during the Christmas period of Ted Davis, Captain of the Featherbeds, a longstanding player and also a past President of the League.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	9	18
Wanderers	10	16
Masters	10	14
Nelson Nobblers	10	10
Rejects	10	10
Miss the Ball	8	9
Broadoak	10	8
Rough Eight	10	8
Slingers	10	8
Denhay	10	6
Rockets	9	6
The Dingles	10	3

Division B	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	9	12
Bangers	7	12
Lively Lads	8	12
U Know the Blokes	8	12
Originals	7	8
Survivors	8	8
Gerryatrics	9	6
Lost in Time	6	6
Dingbats	7	4
Outsiders	7	2
Pioneers	8	2

Division C	Pld	Pts
Aussies Lot	8	14
Castouts	8	14
LHS	8	10
Alcoholics	9	8
Stingers	8	8
Strawpeedos	7	8
NBC	8	6
Whisky Chasers	8	6
Unknowns	8	4
Wickers	8	2

Division D	Pld	Pts
BFC	8	15
Brandy Snaps	9	12
Featherbeds	7	10
Groundhogs	7	9
Let em Roll	6	8
Yo Yo's	8	8
Alleycats	8	6
Firebirds	8	6
Hidden Talent	7	2
Pinbashers	8	0

West Dorset Indoor Cricket League

Six wicket win for Beaminster

Martinstown U16 160-2 (10pts) beat Dorchester 91-5 (1pt) by 69 runs

THE Williams brothers got Martinstown off to a positive start with 60 runs coming from the first five overs.

With both having to retire Will Maltby (25*) and Matthew Lappin (18) continued to plunder runs as the Dorchester attack struggled.

Declan O'Toole (3-0-20-1) got reward for his accurate and nagglng line with the wicket of Lappin thanks to a fine stumping by Tom.Anderson.

However Martinstown continued to pile up the runs with Jacob Coombes (25 *) and Charlie Durant (12*) putting on an excellent stand.

With Coombes retiring, Sean Williams (35) was run out off the last ball as Martinstown posted 160-2.

Dorchester found runs hard to come by with just 35 off the first five overs.

A brave 15 by Anderson was ended when he was dismissed by an excellent catch from Finlay Williams off Maltby (2-0-21-1), Ben Alford followed quickly caught behind off Durant (3-0-17-2)

Billy Baker (25) offered some resistance but the run rate climbed to over 30 an over.

Will Maltby executed two fine run outs as Martinstown ran out winners by 69 runs.

Beaminster U16 79-4 (8pts) beat Bere Regis 78 all out (2pts) by 2 wickets

BERE Regis began well with openers J.George (44) and A.Weedon (15) scoring at a steady rate.

But Beaminster struck with Weedon run out and Kelvin David (2.3-0-25-2) accounting for Harry Green.

With pressure mounting, two run outs left Bere in deep trouble at 51-4, the returning George struck out with some well placed shots, but he was caught and bowled by David as the innings closed on 78 all out.

Oli Bareham (27*) and Tegan Furner (10) batted with maturity against an accurate attack and moved the score along to 25 before Furner was run out.

However, with Bareham joined by Adam Moss (20) it looked like Beaminster would ease to victory.

But Bere never gave up and Moss fell to a fine catch off the bowling of Mayo (2-019-1) and two more catches resulted in the dismissals of Will Swann (5) and Will Moss (4) but Bareman hit the winning runs with eight balls to spare.

Cidermen continue Aussie leaning

■ **ASHES NEWCOMER:** Somerset's new signing Cameron Bancroft is currently embroiled in test match action against England.

SOMERSET County Cricket Club have confirmed the signing of Cameron Bancroft for 2018.

The 25-year-old Australian batsman, currently opening the batting against England in the Ashes series, will be joining the County as overseas player and he will be available for the majority of the campaign, as Somerset Director of Cricket Andy Hurry explained: "Cameron will be available, subject to permission from Cricket Australia, for the start of the 2018 Specsavers County Championship season, all of the Royal London One-Day Cup fixtures plus the six remaining Championship matches that take place after the T20 Blast group stages.

"After a thorough process, designed to ensure that we secure the best fit for our Specsavers County Championship and Royal London One-Day Cup needs, I am delighted that we have signed Cameron. He has come very highly recommended.

"Cameron has the appetite and the temperament for scoring big hundreds. He really values the price of his wicket, is mentally tough and highly driven to succeed."

Bancroft, who played for Gloucestershire last season averaging 40 in the championship, made his international debut in this winter's first Ashes Test, making an eye-catching 82. He also has an impressive record in first class cricket with a top score of 228 not out.

After making the decision to sign for Somerset, Bancroft said: "I'm really excited to be joining a county with so much potential. I've heard a lot of good things from Justin Langer and it's clear that they are a team heading in the right direction.

"There's a long history of Australians doing well at Taunton, so hopefully I can add my name to that list."

He's not wrong - Greg Chappell, Steve Waugh and more recently Langer and Chris Rogers all made their mark at Taunton and proved to be very popular signings.

Beam & Brid Pool

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	7	14
Kingzmen	10	61
Pooligans	10	59
Ret of the Kings	10	54
Longshots	10	49
Ringers	10	45
Hopefuls	10	41
Bradpole Club	10	40
Pocket Rockets	10	40
Odds & Sods	10	39
Nimrods	10	36
Brake failures	10	36

Week 10 - December 17th results; Brake Failures 7-3 Odds & Sods, Nimrods 3-7 Kingzmen, Return of the Kings 7-3 Bradpole Club, Pocket Rocket 3-7 Ringers, Pooligans 9-1 Hopefuls.

KO cup SF draw (March 4th); Return of the Kings v Kingzmen (at Five bells), Longshots v Bradpole Club (at Hope and Anchor).

Darts

BRIDPORT

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	11	21
Hands of Time	11	19
BSC	11	15
Well Hung Clocks	11	14
Nomads	11	14
Nags Head A	11	10
Respect-de-Bull	11	10
4 Drunks & A Driver	11	9
Five Sticky Fingers	11	8
One for the Vikings	11	7
Young Darters	11	5
Les Miserables	11	0

180s; L.Cox, S.Alner, R.Cross A.Parker & S.Harvey all x4, M.Barnett, M.Savage, T.Prowse, G.Knight & J.Vickery all x3, 12 players x2.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Elders	11	22
Rubber Johns	11	20
Odds or Us	11	17
Poachers	11	11
Mis Fits	11	11
No Direction	11	10
Dart Vaders	10	10
The Surgeons	11	7
Otter Rotters	10	7
Anchor Five	11	7
Wicked TN	11	5
No Chance	11	3

180s; C.Higgs 4, F.Jones 3, D.Sorrell 2, P.Moye, S.Adams, T.Bond, T.Young R.Moye, & T.Symonds all x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Anchor Vale View'	10	17
Stumpies Stallions	10	14
Time Bombs	10	14
Whamo	10	12
Dat Team	10	11
Midnight Runners	10	10
The Shoplifters	10	9
On me Tab	10	8
Odds & Sods	10	5
Dodgers	10	5
Ben's Followers	10	5

180s; P.Gumbrill, M.Brock, C.Eaton & T.Stickley all x 1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	12	23
Arrows Awry	12	21
Queens Bees	12	21
Castaways	12	15
Queenies OTC	12	14
Against the Odds	12	12
Sue's Rebels	12	11
Diamonds ITR	11	10
Lil's Hopefuls	12	9
Charlie's Angels	11	7
Good Mates	12	4
Tiger Stripes	11	3
Double Trouble	11	2

Most wins; Janet Collins x1.

Lyme Regis Skittles League

RESULTS from Dec 23rd & 30th Ladies Singles
The following are through to the next round - Joyce White; Elaine Bearpark; Sam Churchill; Di Rickard; Tracy Chapman; Sharon Churchill; Lisa Taylor; Sarah Churchill.

Men's Palmer Cup
Roadrunners 367
No Hopers 369

Men's Division Two - Anthill Mob 346 v Shakers 277 (Beer Leg Drawn).

High Scores: T Mayers 71; J Broome 67; P Grinter 67.

Men's Bob Sweetland Cup - Flyers 326 v Wreckers 335.

FIXTURES
(Friday January 5th)
Men's Singles (Den Parsons Cup)
Rock Point : S Beal; J Rickard; G Kent; A Trott; P Bright; R Chappel; K Bearpark; R Beviss; J Powell; P Hodder; C Kapur; J Lee.

Ship Inn: G Gibbs; A Stevens; A Rattenbury; A Studley; J Billson; S Shaw; T Mayers; M Sankey; I Locke; A Sheader; N Bearpark; D Gillings.

Mens' Div One	Pld	Pts	BL
No Hopers	8	16	10
Flyers	8	11	10
Marksmen	8	8	12
Wreckers	8	8	4
Trappers	7	6	8
Young Guns	7	6	8
Roadrunners	7	5	2
Clueless	7	4	8
Miscellaneous	6	2	4

Mens' Div Two	Pld	Pts	BL
Anthill Mob	6	10	3
Alleytwits	6	8	10
British Legion	6	8	10
Rousdon Rebels	6	6	4
Shakers	6	4	5
Tornadoes	6	4	4
President's Men	6	2	6

Ladies	Pld	Pts	BL
La Crème	6	9	10
Hot Gossips	6	9	5
Wootoon Wobb	6	8	4
Smashers	6	6	8
Rollercoasters	6	4	6
Generations	6	4	4
Skittso's	6	2	5

Bridport Golf

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Austin goes up through the gears

THE Men's competition on December 17th was The Turkey Trot, a 4-man team Texas Scramble off a shotgun start.

The winning team was Pat Hart, Doug Miners, Lewis Craddock & Nathan Dunford scoring 56.1. In second place were Mike Chivers, Kevin Jones, Duncan Jones & Jimmy Gbadebo.

On Christmas Eve, 24 men took the field for a Stableford competition. The winner was Brian Austin (22) scoring 40 points. In second place was Dave Howat (18) with 38.

Then followed Steve Battrick (28) and Barry O'Mahoney(8) both with 34 with Battrick taking third on count-back.

The veterans' Thursday competition was a Three-Clubs & a Putter Stableford. Richard Fox (21) strode in with a fine 41 points and two points behind was Malcolm Peach (20).

The next three players came in with scores more like one would expect with just four clubs in the bag and Tony Burt (13) took third place with 35 after count back from Richard Parry (21). Richard Lomax(12) came fifth with 34.

After two postponements this was the Christmas Special where all 48 golfers went home with a festive prize.

Football

Washout!

THE Perry Street & District League Division One cup final between Netherbury-based Waytown Hounds and Fareway United was postponed with hosts Kingsbury Episcopi's pitch waterlogged.

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INSIDE: Festive sport round-up

January holds the key for local teams

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IT may only be the beginning of the second half of the season but January looks set to be pivotal month for several of the local teams.

Lyme Regis came into 2018 in second place in the Devon & Exeter League Division One, but having taken just seven points from a possible 21, the closing pack is ready to pounce and the team is rapidly approaching the 'every game is a cup final' scenario.

Three back-to-back home games against Wellington Town Reserves, Bickleigh and Heavitree United Reserves to start the new year does, on paper at least, appear to be a great springboard.

These are followed on January 27th by an East Devon Senior cup last 16 tie at Alphington Reserves which also looks very winnable. Four victories could have manager Robin Townsend and his squad smiling again.

Lyme Regis Reserves currently sit proudly on top of the D&E Division Five table on goal difference from Halwill Reserves.

The Seasiders second string begin the new year with three away trips. The first looks the most tricky with promotion rivals Black Swan Town laying in wait.

The Teignmouth-based side ran title favourites Elmore Reserves close before going down 3-2 just before Christmas.

This is followed by visits to Exwick Village and Westexe Park Rangers with six points urgently required.

Allied to this Gerard Hitchcock's side still await the draw to see who they will face in the semi-final of the Dorset Intermediate Cup.

Meanwhile, the start of the season brought much talk of the revitalised Lyme Rovers mounting a challenge to climb out of the Perry Street Division Three. But an indifferent last six weeks, has seen them drop down the table.

Games in-hand means they still have a chance, but a sustained winning run has to begin, and soon.

It may well be the Rovers have to target the knockout cups with three still up for grabs.

UPLYME currently sit down in seventh in the PSDL Division One table and have three tricky league games lined up in January.

Third placed Ilminster Town Colts are the hosts on Saturday with the reverse fixture scheduled for two weeks later.

In between, the Swallows are set to visit Forton Rangers who always hover around the Division's promotion spots.

The final game of the month sees Uplyme welcome fellow Devonians Farway United with a place in the Arthur Gage cup quarter finals at stake.

Over at Barrs Lane CHARMOUTH are in with a real chance of clinching a return to the PSDL Division One.

Three points will be clearly in the Robins' sights when they welcome struggling Chard United Reserves on Saturday. This is followed by the visit of unbeaten leaders and red-host title favourites Thorncombe.

Next up for manager Kevin Pratt and his side is a trip to Henhayes to take on the division's only other unbeaten outfit and a promotion rivals Crewkerne Rangers.

The month ends the visit of Misterton Reserves for a Tommy Tabberer Cup quarter final.

TOP SCORERS *(top three)*:

Lyme Regis – Fred Parsons 9, Dec Ellis 8, Chris Herbst & Sam Pollard-Jones both 4.

Lyme Regis Reserves – Steve Batey 9, Julien Simier 7, Harvey Brimicombe 5.

Lyme Regis Rovers – Pete Peacock 10, Ryan Turner 4, Scott Meyers & Robbie Prior both 3.

Uplyme – James Souter-Phillips 9, Alex Jones 7, Frank Harris 4.

Charmouth - Danny Rendell 14, Brin Seward 12, Matt Pile 8.

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